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Ms. Worrall:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 14, 2015 regarding the Puente power plant project in Oxnard, Ca. I appreciate the information provided and I will do my best to answer the questions in your letter.

Question one regarding labor availability etc., I believe that manpower for this project will not be a problem. In the latest economic forecast provided by the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County, it was reported that the month of July was one of the worst months since the recession in the construction sector for Ventura County. We are down year over year nearly one percent at the same time the state as a whole is up 7.7%. Since the end of the recession, we are either the worst performing construction sector in the state or close to it. And this is with two major hospital projects under construction. As far as the workforce and the lodging issue, this job will be covered by a project labor agreement with NRG. With the union training programs for both apprenticeship and journeyman retraining, I believe that it will be most cost efficient for contractors to hire local, union trained craftsmen rather than bring the workforce in from out of town and pay the expenses for food and lodging over a 1 ½ to 2 year period. When we built the peaker plant for Southern California Edison a few years ago that seemed to be what happened with most trades.

As for question two concerning labor needs, I see no problems with manning this work. The previously mentioned hospitals will be complete in 2017. A twenty one month job in the construction industry does not come along every day especially here in Ventura County with their restrictions on land use.

Finally, I see no projects in the future that should impair this project as far as labor is concerned. As I stated previously, this type of job is one that our members would turn out for in numbers for the opportunity to work on a project of this size and duration.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call. I have attached my business card for your convenience.

Thank you.

  
Tony Skinner  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer  
Tri Counties Building and Construction Trades Council